

## Agricultural Department.

### How to Plan for Our next Year's Crop.

Southern Cultivator.

Now that the crop of 1906 is harvested, one of the most important things demanding the consideration of every farmer is: how to plan wisely for the next year's crop. What else can I raise as a money crop to supplement my cotton? How many things shall I plant? How much land shall I allot to each mule? What area shall I devote to each product? How shall I prepare my land? How much fertilizer shall I use, etc., etc.?

If these have been important questions in the past—and they have—there are several things that conspire to make them more vital now:

1. This crop has been generally unsatisfactory in results, owing to the unfavorable seasons.

2. We farmers are endeavoring to show the world that we are wise enough to manage our own business and that we shall demand a profitable price for our products.

3. Many sections of the globe and of our own country are far ahead of us in the amount each laborer is able to wrest from the soil, and we want our Southern farmers to come abreast with the foremost ranks. We claim to be awakening to better methods, hence each year must show some material progress.

#### 1. SOMETHING TO SUPPLEMENT COTTON AS A MONEY CROP

According to the light before us at present, the most important question for each farmer to settle is: What can I raise that will bring me in cash, besides my cotton? In no section of our country do we find the farmers prosperous who depend upon one crop. Too many contingencies beset both the growing and the selling. We have had years of experience along this line with our cotton. While we have succeeded in wresting a fair price for the last three seasons, we all see what a struggle it is; and if crop conditions were to be against us, and we had nothing to sell except cotton, just think of the handicap put upon it. The farmer who has home supplies something else to sell, that bring in cash throughout the year has far the advantage. In the long run you can lay it down as a rule, that wherever there is a truly successful farm, you will find one that makes a surplus of self-sustaining and surplus cotton as a surplus. The men whom we have met who are making the best money are making it out of other crops than cotton.

#### 2. HOW TO INCREASE OUR YIELD.

This must ever be a vital question for the farmer. We always want to encourage the growing of one and two bales of cotton per acre. When you do this you make money; but we want our farmers to learn equally as well how to grow 50 and 100 bushels of corn, 40 bushels of wheat, 60 to 100 bushels of

oats, and from 4 to 6 tons of hay per acre. All this has frequently been done in many sections of the South and can be done by all who will put forth the necessary effort. With science, tools and manure at our command, the difference in the natural fertility of the land has been placed where man's efforts can overcome it. "There is more in the man and his methods, than there is in land" is universally recognized. So whatever your local disadvantages, do not give up, but only put forth better effort.

#### 3. HOW SHALL WE CULTIVATE THE LEAST LABOR.

The high price and scarcity of labor makes this too, a vital question to us all. Do not make the mistake of undertaking to cultivate too much in cotton. But with our improved tools we can easily handle grain, corn, and hay. Put in more of them. In every crop, thorough preparation is half the battle. Begin now. Manuring so the crop will grow rapidly is another help. Getting all stumps, rocks, and obstructions out of way is still another. We can only suggest and start you to thinking. Think over this matter. Talk it over with your family and neighbor. Discuss it in your farmer's union clubs, and most of all, get down to putting it into practical operation upon your farm.

#### He Got Off Easy.

Clark Howell, of Atlanta, tells of the sad case of an elderly darky in Georgia charged with the theft of some chickens. The negro had the misfortune to be defended by a young and inexperienced attorney, although it is doubtful whether any one could have secured his acquittal, the commission of the crime having been proved beyond all doubt.

The darky received a pretty severe sentence. "Thank you, sah," said he, cheerfully, addressing the judge when the sentence had been announced. "Dat's mighty hard, sah, but it ain't anywhere near what I 'spected. I thought, sah, dat between my character and dat speech of mah lawyer dat you'd hang me shore." —Success.

#### Who Got the Baby.

Read over this little story and see if you can tell who got the baby:

Once upon a time when all living animals could talk together and understand each other an ugly crocodile stole a tiny baby and was about to make a dinner of it, but the poor, frantic mother begged so piteously for her child that the crocodile said:

"Tell me one truth and you shall have your baby again."

"You will not give him back to me," she replied.

"Then by our agreement I keep him," said the crocodile, for if you have told the truth I am not going to give him back, and if it is a lie I have also won."

But the mother said, "If I told you the truth you are bound by your promise, and if it is not the truth it will not be a lie until you have given me my child." —Ex.

### Can You Work These Puzzles?

(From the Chicago Tribune)  
Mrs. Thompson ordered of her milkman four gallons of milk.

The milkman had with him a can containing eight gallons.

But he had forgotten his measure, and the only measures Mrs. Thomson could find were two jugs, one holding three and the other five.

With these and his own can the milkman measure four gallons of milk. How?

What are eggs a dozen to-day?" a lady asked at the grocer's.

Two more for 24 cents, said the grocer, would make them 2 cents per dozen less."

Then, said the lady, I will take 24 cents worth.

How many eggs did she buy?

#### Homicide in Chesterfield County.

Society Hill special in the News and Courier: Duncan Wilkes shot and killed Archie Perdue, in Chesterfield County, two miles from Patrick's, Saturday evening. Both parties are young men and white. From what can be learned both were drinking and a quarrel arose between them as a result of which Perdue was instantly killed. Wilkes has made his escape.

#### The Biggest Drug Store.

From the Kansas City Journal.

The greatest drug store in the world will be found in one of the most backward countries of the world. It exists in Moscow, and is 203 years old. Its title is the Old Nitolska Pharmacy, and since 1833 it has been in the family of the present proprietor. It is a building of imposing dimensions, with many departments, including one of professional education for the staff, which numbers 700 persons. They make up about 2,000 prescriptions a day, and so perfect is the organization that an error is seldom recorded.

#### Heath Springs' New Postmaster and Council.

Heath Springs special in The State: Mr. L. M. Bell has taken charge of the postoffice, he having been appointed to succeed Miss Alice Mackey who resigned to accept a position in the school here. Miss Bessie Hammond is Mr. Bell's efficient assistant.

At a recent election of officers for the town council, Dr. Sam Moore was made intendant with Messrs. Will Ellis, Lewis Duncan and E. C. Croxton as wardens.

#### A Year of Blood.

The year 1903 will long be remembered in the home of F. N. Tackett, of Alliance, Ky., as a year of blood; which flowed so copiously from Mr. Tackett's lungs that death seemed very near. He writes: "Severe bleeding from the lungs and a frightful cough had brought me at death's door, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, with the astonishing result that after taking four bottles I was completely restored and as time has proven permanently cured." Guaranteed for Sore Lungs, Coughs and Colds, at J. F. Mackey Co., Crawford Bros., and Funderburk Pharmacy.

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